

All You Need Is A Heart And A Dollar.

MAKES EFFORT TO GET COMPLETE LIST OF SOLDIERS

NAMES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN BOOK TO BE PLACED IN LIBRARY AS A HISTORICAL REFERENCE.

This week we publish a list of soldiers and sailors who have entered the service from Belding, Otisco and Orleans. This list is as near complete as we could possibly make it through our own efforts. It is now up to the public to help us make it complete and authentic.

We ask the readers of the Banner-News to look over the list carefully and they may discover names which have been omitted, on the other hand they may discover names in the list which should not be there as the men were rejected and not taken into the service.

We are particularly anxious to make this list correct in every way, shape and manner and we are asking the public to furnish us with all necessary information in regard to their particular representative in the ranks. We want to know what particular division the man was assigned to and what particular part he took in the service, in other words we want a short and complete record of every man as all of these names will go into a book which will eventually find its place in our city library and which will represent a complete history of Belding and vicinity in the war just passed.

Please do not fail to do your part in getting this information, address the same either to Lloyd Underwood, Chairman of the Soldiers Committee, or to the Secretary of the Board of Commerce.

The question has arisen whether Orleans and Otisco care to be identified with Belding in getting up this set of statistics. We shall be very glad and proud to include all of their boys and young men, but do not desire to do so against their wishes.

The list follows:
Enlisted and drafted into the Army and Navy.

- Attenberg, Jessie Howard
- Bashford, Charles Howard
- Bailey, Floyd Elmer
- Burris, Robert Hal
- Benson, Otis Levi
- Backus, Orval Donnell
- Bracken, Thomas Michael
- Barton, Kenneth Roe
- Beemer, Forrest E.
- Berry, Samuel James
- Bambaugh, Harry William
- Bailey, Clarence C.
- Bailey, Edmund
- Barnes, Thomas
- Burgess, Olaf
- Bence, William
- Bise, Walter
- Brown, Floyd
- Broadhead, Claude
- Cowles, Charles
- Clark, Silas
- Chadwick, Charles S.
- Cichy, Aloysius Lucas
- Curtis, Nelson
- Caldwell, Harold Moulton
- Curtis, Louis
- Cook, Donald
- Connell, Harry, Jr.
- Cowles, Earl
- Clingensmith, Ernest
- Donovan, Frank
- Donovan, John, Jr.
- Darling, J. Pierson
- Dehn, Arthur
- Dehn, John, Jr.
- Everhart, George Leo
- Emery, Walter Harold
- Engeman, Martin John
- Engeman, Hubert Martin

- Fox, Glenn
- Feller, Chester Guy
- Fales, Hugo Wing
- Friedman, Charles W.
- Face, Orvey
- Foss, Orval
- Ferguson, Howard Emerson
- Goulet, Theodore Lee
- Greene, Clarence
- Gould, Elgie
- Hansen, Ernest Leo
- Harroun, Ben L.
- Harnes, Virgil Victor
- Haynes, Fred Arthur
- Holcomb, Lee
- Harrington, Paul
- Hammond, Leo
- Harrington, Elmer
- Holmes, Harry
- Howe, Leonard
- Haynes, Floyd
- Hudnutt, Dale
- Hudnutt, Forrest
- Heald, Riley
- Irish, Martin John
- Ireland, Walter Wilder
- Jonas, Mathias Joseph
- Johnson, Edward C.
- Johnson, Clyde R.
- Kidd, Walter Ray

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Edgar Sower Dead.

Edgar Sower was born, Febr. 26, 1889, at Greeley Co., Neb. and died at his home near Fenwick, Dec. 11, 1918. When five years of age he came with his parents to Lowell, Mich. Later they moved near Belding where he grew to manhood.

May 17, 1916, he was united in marriage to Velma Greenhoe of Sheridan. They began their married life near Shiloh and after one year came to the present home where he met an unexpected death, last Wednesday at about 2 o'clock.

Edgar was a good neighbor, every one speaks a good word for him. In matters of the soul, we leave it with God for we know he believed in God and Eternal life.

His untimely death leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, his father and mother, four sisters, four brothers and many relatives and friends.

Services were held at the home Saturday 14, at 10 a. m. Interment at Otisco cemetery, Rev. H. A. Carr, officiating.

LITTLE INTEREST IN ELECTION IS SHOWN BY BALLOTS

A. S. DIMMICK, R. H. HALL AND CHAS. LAMBERTSON ELECTED FIRST CITY COMMISSIONERS

Belding's first election under the new charter proved to be a rather tame affair as far as a heavy vote being considered, for instead of a vote of between 1000 and 1200 only 589 voters showed up at the voting place to cast their ballots and decree which three of the five candidates for city commissioners should be elected and hold office.

The results of the balloting were surprising not only from the fact that 589 votes were recorded and the woman vote was only 188, leaving 401 men votes. The entire vote is considered light for even a pre-suffrage election and it was considered a certainty that the ladies would be out in large numbers to vote.

The first vote was cast by Mrs. Pearl A. Coulter, wife of William Coulter, one of the members of the local board of education and got down to the polls early. She is the first woman to vote at a general municipal election in the history of this city.

Alvin S. Dimmick, of Belding Lumber Company, has a right to feel proud over the vote which he received and must certainly have had the ladies on his side for he received 468 votes, thus electing him as the long term commissioner and unless he resigns, he will be at the head of the commission for the next six years.

R. Howard Hall, came next with 344 votes, giving him the four year commission and Chas. C. Lambertson was the third in line with 324 votes and landed the two year job. E. Shawley received 251 votes and Dennis Hollenbeck received 236 votes. Before election it was thought that Hollenbeck would be one of the winners. Shawley also failed to develop the strength with which his friends credited him.

The election of Judge E. B. Lapham as justice of the Peace to succeed himself resulted from the judge receiving 506 votes. Some one evidently for a joke, wrote in the name of Bert Choate, a south end man, to take the judges place, but the vote was not counted. Another joke ballot was also cast but we were unable to learn for whom.

Fred McNitt for constable got 357 votes and Elmer E. Cook for the same office got 454 votes. Both are elected. Some question was raised to the validity of the latter election owing to the fact that no petition was passed for him and his name was put on the petition in place of the name of Charles Coon, when Mr. Coon refused to run for re-election. The signatures having been put on the petition for Mr. Coon as the candidate. City Attorney Hubbell was consulted regarding this particular incident and he informed the men who were taking the matter up that they would have to look up the petitions and find out if there would be the required 10 names to sign the petition for Mr. Cook, or else let the matter of the constable's election stand as it is.

Some other matters were also brought up during the day regarding the legality of the new charter, the method of calling and holding the election and like propositions, but it is doubted if anything more than just talk will come of it.

Belding's new commissioners, Mr. Dimmick, Mr. Hall and Mr. Lambertson will take up their new duties on January 1, 1919, at which time the present council and the old order of things will pass into ancient history.

Notice—\$10 Reward. We will give the above reward for information which will lead to the conviction of persons shooting out or breaking lamps from the street lighting system. Spencer Electric Light & Power

The Days of Mystery



LOCAL FLU BAN NOT TO BE OFF FOR SUNDAY

In conversation with City Health Officer Little we learned that the probabilities of the local flu ban being raised by Sunday are very small and that it is doubtful if the ban will be taken off to allow of Christmas services being held in the churches of the city, although the flu was on the decrease and that a meeting would be held by the authorities on Friday night to determine further action in checking the spread of the epidemic.

Enjoyed Themselves. Rev. Mr. Church, wife and daughter, Joy, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson and son, Donald, Mrs. H. G. Evans and two sons, of this city and Mrs. Cynthia Jones and sons, Cecil and Rollo, of Mecosta, enjoyed the day, last Sunday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips. Tonight, Wednesday, the same people and also Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Ellis and son, of the Ashley district, will be at the Phillips home for a hot biscuit and warm maple syrup supper. The editor was invited and would have been extremely glad to have been present but the family is ill with the flu and consequently will have to stay at home until the next time.

Edgar Sower Dead. Friends of Edgar Sower will be sorry to learn of his death at his farm near Fenwick, on Wednesday, December 11th. He had drawn some gravel on the barn floor, preparatory to doing some work and at the time of his death was at work in the basement of the barn, when the floor fell on him, causing almost instantaneous death. He is well known here and has many friends among the younger people with whom he was popular.

SOLDIERS WRITE OF PART THEY TOOK IN LAST BIG DRIVE

WILLIS NICHOLS, THOT DEAD, FINALLY WRITES TO FAMILIES OF EXPERIENCES

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Nichols, living north of the city are happy over the receipt of the following letter which they recently got from their son, Willis, who went overseas some time ago and took part in the fighting which made the allied victory complete. A number of people had begun to think that Willis was dead, nothing having been heard from him in a long time and Mrs. Nichols, although hoping that he would yet turn up all right, was commencing to think that way herself.

His letter is as follows.

Somewhere in France. Nov. 15th, 1918. Dear Mother and Dad: I will write a few lines to let you know that I am alive and that I am so glad that the war is over and we can have a little rest.

I am feeling fine only a little cold, but that is nothing and I will be all right in the course of a few days of a week. How is dad? I hope you and dad keep well. Well, mother, I was over the top and we got 12 Germans without one in our company getting hurt. Was not that some luck? I wish I could tell you all about it but we will let that go until I get home, but dad it is some different than hunting rabbits. (Continued on page Ten.)

CHRISTMAS SALE HELPS JUNIOR RED CROSS

The sale of Christmas articles held by the Junior Red Cross in the Miller & Harris Furniture Co. window Saturday was a big financial success, the sum of \$33 being realized for the treasury through the affair, which was given by the 7th grade pupils who made most of the articles placed on sale and it was in charge of Miss Giddings, teacher of domestic arts in the local schools. The Junior Red Cross desires to express its thanks to all those who helped to make the affair a success both by making articles for the sale and by the purchasing of them afterward.

Small Boy Broke His Arm. Gerald Kemper, a lad of about 10 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Kemper, of the north side, fell off from one of the lumber piles in the Belding-Hall lumber yard on Tuesday evening at about six o'clock and in falling struck so that he sustained a compound fracture of the left arm and the youngster will have to carry the arm in a sling for some time to come. He was taken to the office of Dr. G. A. Stanton, where the doctor attended him and made him as comfortable as possible.

W. Lee Cusser Seriously Ill. W. Lee Cusser, cashier at the Peoples Savings Bank is critically ill at his home with an attack of pneumonia, following an attack of the flu. It is hoped that however big the odds are against our genial cashier, that he will be able to pull through all right.

Mrs. H. Vanbuit was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mrs. LeValley Is Dead.

Mrs. Laura A. W. LeValley who resided in Belding for several months passed away at her home, No. 31 Lorain Court, Pontiac, on Monday December 9th. The remains were taken to Detroit and cremated.

Mrs. LeValley is survived by her husband, D. W. LeValley and by two daughters, Mrs. T. W. Widenmann, of Detroit and Miss Sarah LeValley, residing at home and also by one brother, Charles T. Woodin, of Lancaster, Ohio.

Local Man Gets Commission. Mayor and Mrs. Elmer E. Fales are in receipt of a letter from their son, Hugo, who enlisted along when the war first started and who has been in active service overseas ever since, in which he states that he had been commissioned a lieutenant in the branch of the service which he is in. This is a good bit of news for his parents and Hugo has many friends here who will also be glad to learn of his good fortune.

CIGARETTE HABIT ACQUIRED BY BOYS IS LOCAL EVIL

PROSECUTOR MAY BE APPEALED TO TO STOP ILLEGAL SALE OF HABIT FORMING "COFFIN NAILS"

"Just look at that, a package of cigarettes that I took away from Brown, secretary of the local board of commerce, as he showed us a package of cigarettes which had at one time been the property of the boy of tender years whom he had referred to. Mr. Brown then went on to state that when he had taken the coffin nails away from the boy in question, the latter had at first refused to divulge the source of supply and by what means he had secured the packages but with a little questioning he had told that another boy had bought the package at a local tobacco store and given them to him.

The boy in question has neither father or mother, his parents having passed away about a year or two ago, following one another in death by a few short months. He had, even while at home with his parents, a reputation for being stubborn and on the tough order and since their deaths he has made his home with various relatives in this city and who are well respected here, but they apparently have had very little control over him and the orphaned lad has had his natural tendency toward waywardness fed and fostered under the evil influences given him by other and older boys with whom he came in contact while putting in his unoccupied and unwatched time for companionship.

The boy whose name was divulged as being the agent in securing the package of cigarettes from the local dealer, is on probation at the present time, he being looked on as one of the city's problems in the "tough kid" line and this action on his part may be the last straw on the camel's back, literally speaking and the court from which he was placed on probation may sentence him to the reformatory at Lansing or make some other disposition of the case.

The tobacco dealer whom the boy named in the deal is known to be strong for a strict application of the cigarette law and has always been very careful to live up to its provisions as far as the sale of the article to minors and others defined in it is concerned. However, it may be that in his absence from the store, some clerk in his employ might have sold the package to the boy. At any rate the matter is to be looked into and the real facts determined.

Despite the fact that the laws of the state make it a seemingly and legal impossibility for boys and minors to purchase or use cigarettes, and for some other to smoke them in public places, there are a number of recent instances where young boys, sometimes as young as nine or ten years of age, have been caught in alleys and in other-out of the way public places in this city, puffing away on the poisonous coffin nails like regular Mexicans. The boys are not always of the expected "tough" element either, but are sometimes from the best and most respected families in the city and invariably when questioned as to where they obtained the smokes, they have told that they were furnished them by some older person who had absolutely no regard for the future welfare or habits of the child, or been supplied with them by some unscrupulous dealer who was too strong for taking a chance, or too indifferent in the matter to inquire the age of the purchaser.

As a result of some of the recent incidents of violations of the anti-cigarette law, through their use by minors, the prosecuting attorney of Ionia county may be called on to investigate and try to stop any further practice of the cigarette smoking habit among the wayward inclined and misguided youth of the city.

W. R. C. Elect Officers. Officers Elected by the Woman's Relief Corps of Belding at the annual election Dec. 7, 1918, are as follows: President, Mrs. Marie Johnson; Senior Vice president, Francis Strong; Grand Vice president, Ruth Davies; Chaplain, Maggie Rich; Treasurer, Mary Little; Conductor, Ida Thomas; Guard, Leticia Currie.

Mr. Murella McKensy left Wednesday morning for Salt Lake City where she will reside with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Murray. She spent the last year in the city with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Mast.

RED CROSS IS TO DISTRIBUTE 200 CHRISTMAS BASKETS

DOLLAR AND A HEART CAMPAIGN NOT MEETING WITH THE SUCCESS IT SHOULD

The local branch of the Red Cross society are right on the job this year and are taking hold of the relief and Christmas charities work in this city and a lot of the money which has been donated to the work of the organization will be used right within sight of your own home, according to the plans which the ladies are carrying out.

The real need of this work was brought to the attention of the ladies of our Red Cross branch when they decided to make their house to house canvass for the enrolling of every person in the city in the Christmas Roll Call, as all a person needs is a heart and a dollar. But at some of the places the ladies visited they did not have the dollar, although their hearts were big for the success of the canvass and they would have given a hundred of the cart wheels if they would have had them and it is a lot of homes where the people are deserving but in circumstances which will permit of no extras for the dinner on Christmas, that the Red Cross ladies are going to carry a basket of something extra this Christmas and incidentally it will bring right home to us the real good which your money does when a little of it finds its way into the treasury of the association which has done so much for the relief of suffering humanity throughout the world.

The baskets will be arranged for and filled by the following Red Cross committee. Mrs. Agnes Demorest, chairman, Mrs. Verne Brown, Mrs. Bert Rowley, Mrs. Asa Dorr, Mrs. Rose Howard, Mrs. Fred Sanborn and Mrs. Fred Boyer.

This grand organization, which has taken such an important part in the world's work, seems especially fitted for this home task and the fact that they are handling it is an assurance that it will be done right. The Red Cross states that the baskets will be placed where needed and that they will foot the bills this year.

In spite of the fact that the Red Cross society is known by all to be the greatest agency for relief in existence at the present time, the ladies who are making the house to house Christmas Roll Call canvass state that there are many who turn a deaf ear to the necessity of enrolling and refuse to come across with the dollar which would carry their membership in the greatest organization of its kind in the world today, for the period of a whole year. In other words these people have no heart, but they have the dollar and a lot more like it and they are going to hang on to it.

Belding has no reason for not being able to return a 100 per cent membership other than the fact that some of our people can not see the right light and come across with the dollar, which might eventually find its way to doing something which would carry relief to the giver or to some of his dear ones at some future time.

LINO OPERATOR'S NAME IS IN CASUALTY LIST

The name of Corporal Francis J. Magin, of Alpena appeared in the casualty lists throughout the state papers in the Monday list among those soldiers listed as "wounded, degree undetermined." The information gave Magin's address as Alpena, the place where his parents reside, but he had lived in this city for several years and had registered and went into the service from this city.



CORPORAL FRANCIS J. MAGIN

Magin was employed on the Belding News forge, holding the position of Linotype operator at the time he left and went into the service on November 19, 1917. He made but one visit home during the time that he was at the cantonment and was soon overseas, where he took part in a good deal of the fighting. Nothing has been heard from him since before peace was declared and his last letters were written in a hospital and these were published in this paper a few weeks ago. In these letters he told of being gassed, but stated that he would soon be at the front again. It may be that German bullets got him shortly after he returned to the front but at any rate his many local friends hope that his injuries, whatever they may be, are slight.

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